

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully re-submits this Preliminary Amendment. This Application is a Continuation Application from Applicant's patent application bearing Serial No. 09/594,528, filed on 14 June 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,735,926 which is a Continuation-in-Part of Applicant's application bearing Serial No. 09/054,905, filed on 3 April 1998, now U. S. Patent No. 6,101,791.

Please note that this Preliminary Amendment was filed on 10 March 2004, along with the Continuation Application. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed from the PTO on 7 February 2005. Therefore, this resubmitted Preliminary Amendment corrects said previously submitted Preliminary Amendment by presenting a replacement paragraph to the first paragraph of page one of the Specification, as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

It is noted that Patent Application Serial No. 09/594,528 has been issued a Notice of Allowance. The Formal Drawings were filed in said case on 5 February 2004, and the Issue Fee was due on or before 17 March 2004. As noted earlier, the Application issued as U. S. Patent No. 6,735,926.

Applicant herein submits eleven (11) new claims. Additionally, please note that Applicant has canceled Claims 1 through 19 without prejudice nor disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that presently pending claims, namely claims 20 through 30 are allowable over the prior art. If it would aid in the disposition of this matter, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Allowance of these claims at an early date is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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